



ABAG/CALFED TASK FORCE E-M E M O

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To : ABAG/CALFED Task Force Members and Interested Parties

From: Kathleen Van Velsor, Project Manager

Re : Task Force Update/News and Information

**The next facilitated meeting of the Task Force will be:
Wednesday, September 29, 2004, 9:15 am - 1:15 pm
Elihu Harris State Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 10.**

[Please note time and location change. Lunch will be provided.](#)

Members and interested parties -- We are working to prepare for the next meeting of the Task Force. In the interim, the following items of news and information may be useful to you and your colleagues:

Proposition 50 – Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Public Meeting re. Draft Guidelines:

Sept. 9, 2004 Thursday, 10 a.m. Calif. Environmental Protection Building, 1001 I Street, 2nd fl., Coastal Hearing Room, Sacramento, CA 95814. *Note: The public meeting will be web broadcast at www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast. You may e-mail comments or questions to: dfa_grants@swrcb.ca.gov.

October 4-6, 2004 Third Biennial CALFED Science Conference, Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento. Theme: "Getting Results" Integrating Science and Management to Achieve System Level Response." For more information: <http://iep.water.ca.gov/calfed/sciconf/2004/>

October 6, 2004 Association of Bay Area Governments Fall General Assembly: "Taming Natural Disasters" -- Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel. See the ABAG web site for registration information. www.abag.ca.gov.

- ✚ Pre-disaster mitigation planning -- Risk reduction-- Disaster forecasting -- Potential impacts of earthquakes, storms, fires and drought – Risk communications

The 14th annual California Water Policy Conference entitled, "California Dreaming: Time to Wake Up", will be held November 18 & 19, 2004 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. The planning committee is actively seeking award nominees and scholarship applicants for this event.

For more information on the conference program and to download forms, visit the conference website at www.cawaterpolicy.org or contact Debbi Dodson at ddodson@san.rr.com or at 858-272-9627.

A public draft of **California Water Plan Update 2004 (Bulletin 160)** is expected to be released shortly. The final meetings of the Advisory Council to the planning process are scheduled to follow public input on the public draft. For more information about the plan and the planning process, along with contact information, please consult the CWP web site www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/b160/indexb160.html.

The San Francisco Estuary Project's **August 2004 ESTUARY newsletter** features commentary — "CALFED, Past and Future," by Samuel N. Luoma, Senior Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey. Luoma was Lead Scientist with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program from 2000-2003. The **ESTUARY** newsletter also features a special section: "Science in Action: Demystifying the Delta, News from the California Bay-Delta Authority Science Program."

The **San Francisco Estuary Project has announced its 3rd Annual Small Grants Program**. SFEP invites any Bay Area resident, organization, school, business or public agency to apply for funds ranging from \$3,000-\$10,000. This year there is a total of \$100K to award. To request of the RFP, call or e-mail Carol Thornton at 510-622-2419 or ct@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov. The deadline for applying is Friday, Oct. 15, 2004.

California Department of Water Resources – **Guidebook for Implementing SB 610 and SB 221:** Integrating water and land use planning. http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/Guidebook_101003.pdf

Numerous Bay Area watershed planning and restoration projects have been funded through the CALFED Watershed Program. Funded projects include: Contra Costa County Watershed Atlas and Creek Restoration Strategy, Stewardship Support and Watershed Assessment in the Napa River Watershed, Partnership for Sub-Regional Watershed Forums and a Watershed Center –Merritt College Environmental Program.

Western governors are calling for enactment of a national drought policy that integrates and builds upon existing data on drought and its impacts across the country into the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), a nationwide database accessible by anyone. A Western Governors' Association working group composed of drought experts and governors' staff prepared the [NIDIS plan](#). Governors adopted the NIDIS report during the Western Governors' Association annual meeting in Santa Fe. See also: <http://www.westgov.org/wga/initiatives/drought/index.htm>

The **National Drought Mitigation Center** publishes current data on drought impacts/risks: The following map reflects conditions in western states in July – August 2004: <http://www.drought.unl.edu/risk/us/usimpacts.htm>

Water and money savings are emphasized in a series of publications available at the East Bay Municipal Utility District web site: http://www.ebmud.com/conserving_&_recycling/water_and_money_savings/default.htm

The **San Francisquito Watershed Council Steering Committee meets on Wednesday, September 8, from 2:30 to 5:00 at the Peninsula Conservation Center**, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. (415) 962-9876. There is a special program to kick off a strategic planning effort under the Draft Watershed Management Plan update. Contact: Pam Sturner at PamS@Acterra.org.

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